

in the usual form; provided that the vote sequence of amendments be established with the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Budget, concurring on any order; provided that during any sequence of votes established, that there be 2 minutes of debate prior to any vote, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; provided further, that after the first vote in any sequence, the remaining votes be 10 minutes in duration. **Page S4228**

#### **Civil Access to Justice Act—Referral Agreement:**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration S. 718, to amend the Legal Services Corporation Act to meet special needs of eligible clients, provide for technology grants, improve corporate practices of the Legal Services Corporation, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. **Page S4226**

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**Record Votes:** Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—127) **Page S4145, S4146, S4146–47, S4147, S4148, S4149, S4149–50, S4150**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4228.)

## ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **NOMINATIONS**

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathleen A. Merrigan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, Joe Leonard, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, who was introduced by Representative Kilpatrick, and James W. Miller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, who was in-

troduced by Senator Conrad, all of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### **CIVILIAN CASUALTIES OF WAR**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine assistance for civilian casualties of war, after receiving testimony from Dirk Dijkerman, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Ca Va Tran, Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped, McLean, VA; John W. Chromy, CHF International, Washington, DC; Erica Gaston, Campaign for Innocent Victims in Conflict (CIVIC), New Orleans, LA; and Jonathan Tracy, National Institute of Military Justice, Falls Church, VA.

### **U.S. POLICY TOWARD AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Policy toward Afghanistan and Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, and Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported 3,952 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### **RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD OVERSIGHT**

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's renewable fuel standard, after receiving testimony from Charles T. Drevna, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, on behalf of National Marine Manufacturers Association and Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, A. Blakeman Early, American Lung Association, and Michael McAdams, Advanced Biofuels Association, all of Washington, DC; Kelly J. Tiller, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and Nathanael Greene, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY.